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1. RECENT REFUGEE REPORTS INDICATE NUMEROUS ARRESTS MEDICAL DOCTORS STEMMING IN PART FROM AMLASH-1 PLOT. VIEW DEPLORABLE SITUATION IN HOSPITALS AND LOWER HEALTH STANDARDS GENERALLY DUE SHORTAGE OF DOCTORS, FURTHER REDUCTION IN THEIR RANKS HAS CONSIDERABLE PROP POTENTIAL.

2. SUGGEST WAVE TIE IN THEME DOCTORS PURGE WITH SUBSTANTIAL EVIDENCE OF INCREASED ILLNESS, HIGHER DEATH RATE PARTICULARLY IN INFANTS AND CHILDREN, SHORTAGE OF MEDICINES AND HOSPITAL FACILITIES WHICH CASTRO ATTEMPTING CONCEAL FROM CUBANS. POINT OUT CASTRO TAKING GRAVE RISK IN REDUCING MEDICAL POTENTIAL BELOW PRESENT CRITICAL LEVEL. COULD BE ARGUED THAT DOCTORS HAVE OPPOSED CASTRO ON PROFESSIONAL GROUNDS FOR PERMITTING USE INFERIOR MEDICINES AND INCOMPETENT PHYSICIANS WHEREAS CASTRO CONSIDERS ANY DIFFERENCE OF OPINION AS THREAT HIS POSITION AS POLITICAL LEADER.

3. DRAW PARALLEL ARRESTS CUBAN DOCTORS TO INFAMOUS 1953 "DOCTOR'S PLOT" IN RUSSIA UNDER STALIN. THIS PARANOID CHARGE WAS REVERSED BY STALIN'S SUCCESSORS IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING HIS DEATH MARCH 1953. IT WAS STALIN'S PURPOSE IN CONCOCTING "PLOT" TO CREATE ATMOSPHERE AND ERECT <sup>FA</sup> ~~SC~~ CADE IN ORDER INSTITUTE WIDESCALE PURGE IMAGINED ENEMIES AND FOIL "INTERNATIONAL CONSPIRACY" AGAINST REGIME.

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4. IN ADDITION TO USUAL PROP HANDLING OF ABOVE, WAVE MAY WISH  
LAUNCH LIMITED MAILING OPERATION ADDRESSED TO CUBAN DOCTORS.

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